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WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.— Senator Henry M. Jackson said yesterday that the Central Intelligence Agency should not be subjected to a full-scale investigation in the wake of exposure of its subsidy program for youth and labor groups.

Earlier this week, Jackson was appointed to one of the Senate watchdog committees which oversee the operations of the super-secret C. I. A.

The senator contended that

congressional surveillance of the C. I. A., while carried on behind closed doors, is more thorough than it is for many other government agencies.

Jackson views the C. I. A. as being unfairly harassed for doing work that had to be done.

The senator said the C. I. A.-aided American student groups had a "devastating effect" on the Communist youth movement overseas. He said a number of Communist youth conferences, including conclaves in Vien-

na and Helsinki, had ended in disaster, at least partly because of American student activity.

Jackson observed that the subsidies went to groups which covered the political spectrum from its left to right wings. He said the C. I. A. did not try to influence the thinking of the groups it supported.

The Communist youth movement, especially in Europe, reached its crest in the 1950's. Jackson observed that American public opinion at that time, influenced

as it was by the McCarthy era, would not have put up with overt government subsidies of left-leaning student groups.

Jackson questioned, however, whether "in retrospect" it might not have been wiser for the C. I. A. to turn over the student-subsidy program to the State Department in its later stages.

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Jackson said the C. I. A. has been "very circumspect" about staying out of purely domestic areas. He said all C. I. A. involvement with student activities has been related to overseas work.

The senator said the agency never gets credit for "all the terrific things" it has done but gets only the blame for its mistakes.

Jackson said the agency has become a "prime target" for persons who "would like to destroy the C. I. A. and discredit it." He said such a result would be "tragic to the long-term security of the United States" and to the nation's foreign and defense policies.